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### State Level Cash Rents Unchanged

Maryland 2003 state-level cash rents for cropland were unchanged from last year according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. The average cash rent for cropland was \$55.50 per acre in 2003. Since 1995, average cash rents paid per acre have increased just over 24 percent

Reported cash rents were highest on the Eastern Shore and North Central Maryland with lower rates reported in Southern and Western Maryland. Kent County has the highest average rent per acre at \$85.23, followed by Queen Anne's at \$83.40, and Talbot at \$78.40. Calvert County had the lowest rent at \$26.40, followed by Allegany at \$28.00, and St. Mary's at \$30.00.

### Maryland Cropland Cash Rents by County

County	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Dollars Per Acre					
<i>Allegany</i>	37.28	39.22	36.26	32.34	28.00
<i>Anne Arundel</i>	47.51	48.71	47.41	42.58	52.50
<i>Baltimore</i>	56.35	60.88	64.47	61.87	60.28
<i>Calvert</i>	37.41	42.61	43.53	39.78	26.40
<i>Caroline</i>	62.48	61.00	62.23	65.64	74.66
<i>Carroll</i>	58.11	59.66	59.05	57.68	63.04
<i>Cecil</i>	55.34	53.78	60.58	68.28	61.74
<i>Charles</i>	33.79	31.03	35.57	39.61	30.95
<i>Dorchester</i>	77.29	73.05	73.58	67.50	62.72
<i>Frederick</i>	48.84	51.14	53.03	59.97	50.57
<i>Garrett</i>	30.53	26.13	29.92	26.94	31.97
<i>Harford</i>	59.74	63.73	68.04	75.21	74.50
<i>Howard</i>	51.81	54.60	51.67	50.58	49.52
<i>Kent</i>	72.59	75.49	79.49	82.16	85.33
<i>Montgomery</i>	49.20	44.45	45.69	47.71	50.94
<i>Prince George's</i>	31.81	34.13	35.88	39.26	33.82
<i>Queen Anne's</i>	78.53	72.46	74.65	73.39	83.40
<i>St. Mary's</i>	28.11	28.22	30.69	34.08	30.00
<i>Somerset</i>	66.29	60.88	62.18	66.85	61.46
<i>Talbot</i>	87.10	86.46	78.32	69.77	78.40
<i>Washington</i>	52.34	52.35	55.13	55.57	54.77
<i>Wicomico</i>	58.28	59.66	58.65	53.91	58.56
<i>Worcester</i>	65.98	66.97	70.54	65.84	73.08
<b>State Average</b>	<b>54.20</b>	<b>54.20</b>	<b>55.50</b>	<b>55.50</b>	<b>55.50</b>

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